

## **ABSTRACT**

A spinal stabilization system and method are provided for use in minimally invasive procedures. A plane of separated tissue may be established between adjacent vertebrae. In some embodiments, threaded members may be positioned in bone. Flexible members may be coupled to the threaded members. In an embodiment, flexible members may be used to position components of a spinal stabilization system proximate bone. Flexible members may maintain an alignment along a centerline of a threaded member. In some embodiments, a thickness of a flexible member may be varied to increase a stiffness of the flexible member.